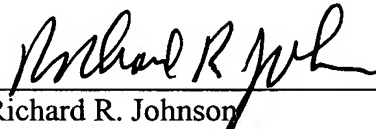


REMARKS

In summary, it is submitted that all of the amended claims are allowable and that this application is in full condition for allowance. A formal notice to that effect is requested in due course. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will in any way expedite the handling of this case, he is invited to call the number listed below at his convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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